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Sir: This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application, under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b),
of pending prior Application No. 09/ 651,526 filed on August 29, 2000,
entitled **TWO-STAGE PROCESS FOR THE HYDROGENATION OF MALEIC ACID TO 1,4-BUTANEDIOL**

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1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration, as originally filed. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith, is considered as being a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. ☐ Amend this application to cancel original claims of the application before calculating the filing fee (MPEP 607). (At least one original independent claim is retained.)
4. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
This is a ☒ continuation, ☐ division of Application No. 09/651,526,
filed August 29, 2000
5. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2):
 - a. ☐ DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior non-provisional application:

 - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
6. ☐ A new power of attorney is enclosed.
7. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) is enclosed.
8. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed: a. ☒ PTO-1449 b. ☒ Copies of IDS citations

The filing fee is calculated below on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended in 2 and 3 above.

Claims As Filed in the Prior Application Less any Claims Canceled By Amendment				
(1) For:	(2) No. Filed	(3) No. Extra	(4) Rate	(5) Calculations
Total Claims	16 - 20 =	0	\$18 =	\$
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	0	\$84 =	\$
			Basic Fee	\$750.00
Total Filing Fee >				\$750.00

9. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 01-0528. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
10. ☒ A check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed.
11. ☐ Other: _____
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